

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules because these rules serve the public interest. If one corporation can own all media in a market, thus eliminating a spectrum of viewpoints, we will diminish informed discussion - necessary for a healthy, self-sustaining democracy. It is a citizen's right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest. Therefore, I strongly urge the FCC to hold hearings around the nation and solicit participation from the public who will be the most directly affected by the decision.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, I believe the Commission must take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Respectfully,

Judith and James Tough